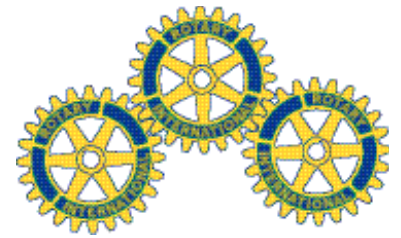




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## OUR PROGRAM FOR MAY 25TH:

### SONOMA'S HANNA BOYS CENTER

*AN UPDATE FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DENNIS CRANDALL*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Nestled in the heart of the peaceful Sonoma Valley, Hanna Boys Center has been providing a “haven of hope” for struggling young men since 1949. Serving troubled boys between the ages of 13 and 18, the center was conceived as a residential school for underprivileged youth. It now

caters to at-risk boys with a variety of challenges. Principal Dennis Crandall will conduct our tour and bring us up to date on Sonoma Valley’s 60 year old tradition of caring for disadvantaged young boys.

[www.santarosarotary.com](http://www.santarosarotary.com)

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

**June 1, 2011:** Rotarian expertise on finances, tax regs, & savings

**June 8, 2011:** Professor Crowley’s humorous question:  
“What about Bananas?”

**June 15, 2011:** Things That Fly—Gary Thompson’s Passion

#### CHECK OUT THESE LINKS

Visit our website at [www.santarosarotary.com](http://www.santarosarotary.com)

Get involved with [Rotary Means Business](http://www.rotary.org)

Explore <http://www.hannacenter.org>

Get the scoop on [Casino Royale](http://www.casino-royale.com)

## FELLOWSHIP May 25TH

**Raffle:** Jerry Marquis

**Visit Rotarians:** Suzanne Drace

**Ticket Collection:** Stoney Newton

**Greeter:** Will Haymaker

## OPENING CEREMONIES

Our meeting began as usual with the opening ceremonies of the pledge of Allegiance and a short invocation.

## CLUB GUESTS

We were lucky enough to have several visitors join us for our meeting this last week, including Bill Bomar, Mel Fox, Gene Kelly, Troy Aldrich, Derrick Castillo and Rob Kirby, Justin Holman and fellow Rotarians Jerry Meshulam and David Del Monte. Thank-you all for coming and we hope to see each of you in future meetings.

## RAFFLE

**Dan Walker** had the winning ticket this week, that's where his luck ran out though as he wasn't able to pull the winning marble. He did however walk away with \$10, better luck next time Dan.



**"Uncle Dan" tries his luck**

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Like much of Sonoma County on Wednesday everything was happy and sunny this past week! Enjoy!

## RECOGNITION

**Matt Everson**, having recently returned from Rotary Club of San Rafael Harbor, presented our club with a club banner from our neighbors to the south. Well done Matt.

## WEBSITE TIP OF THE WEEK

Want to know what events are coming up? Go to the **EVENTS** page of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa's website <http://www.santarosarotary.com/events/>

**Cathy Vicini** made a donation of \$100 to the club this week, fulfilling her promise to donate money for each Rotary member who showed up to the Wednesday night market this past week. Thank you for your generosity Cathy.

**Pam Williams** recently became the owner of an "old" Lexus Hybrid. To celebrate her good fortune she donated \$50 to the club. Thank you Pam, enjoy the new wheels.

Speaking of nice rides, our clubs own **Jenifer Peschken** recently became the owner of a Mercedes CLS 500. A very nice ride indeed, drive safely.

**Yale Abrams** recently returned to our club with a little friend this week. Making a donation to the clubs "Rover the Bear" program Yale donated a "Rover" the Turtle, complete with his own passport. Thanks Yale, great to have you back!

**Robby Fouts** made a donation of \$100 to his daughter's Paul Harris this week after being recognized for a new 2011 F-150 truck. Congratulations Robby.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Don** returned from the District conference this week where our club received several awards for the wonderful ideas and contributions our club has made recently. In total, we garnered a first place ranking and two third place rankings respectively for our work with the New Generations Club, the new Santa Rosa Rotary

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Website and our vocational work through Rotary Means Business. Too all those Rotarians involved with these programs, Congratulations!

**Jim Johnson** has several tickets available for **Infineon Raceway** events. Tickets are selling for \$20 each with half the proceeds going to benefit Salvation Army. If you are interested please contact **Jim Johnson** for further details.



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Next week our clubs own **Robert Pierce** has volunteered to take **photos of our club members** for our clubs new online directory. Photos begin at 11:30 so make sure to look your best.

**Carmen Sinigiani** is still seeking volunteers to help with the **Giro Bello** biking event. If there is anyway you can get involved with the June the 25th event please get in touch with the volunteer coordinator **Jock McNeill**.

As our own **President Don** will be away this coming week, our next meeting will be hosted by **Past President Chuck Bartley!**

## CASINO ROYALE

Our **Casino Royale** is fast approaching and tickets are available! You can plan on good food, good fun and excitement on July the 9th. Drinks will also be on hand but will be sold for \$2 per drink. We are still taking donations for auction items so if you have any questions please contact **Sonaya Stevens** for further details. This is our big fundraiser for the 2011-2012 year so get the word out and let's make this new event a big success. The entry fee is \$50. Visit [www.santarosarotary.com/events/casino-royale](http://www.santarosarotary.com/events/casino-royale).



## BIG WHEELS

**Past President (1967-68) Charles R. Bartley** will fill in at next Wednesday's meeting for lame duck president **Don McMillan**, who is attending the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans with his Rotary wife, **Jackie McMillan**. Most of us old-timers fondly remember Chuck's raucous sense of humor some years ago when he was the master of ceremonies of our annual Family Trivia Challenge, but only Chuck remembers when he last mounted the stage in the Flamingo Ballroom and presided over this 89-year-old Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. No doubt Mr. Bartley will enlighten us about a few Rotary meetings and some trivia from the sixties and seventies. He has been a member of our club for more than half a century—almost as long as **Past President (1965-66) Bill Pedersen** (who joined in 1954).

I wonder...does either Bill or Chuck know what happened to the infamous revolving Rotary Wheel that made the news in early 1975? It was huge—62½ inches in diameter, made of wood, metal, and plywood—developed by the talented skills of Bartley and fellow **Rotarian Duane Bennett**, who as in the lumber business. An electric motor turned the blue and gold replica of the Rotary Wheel at four revolutions per minute. It was quite spectacular and the talk of Santa Rosa for years as the wheel showed up at Rotary events around town. Maybe Chuck has a photograph or some newspaper clippings to show us. In between his jokes and the traditional recognitions.

## ROTARIAN MAGAZINE QUIZ MAY, 2011

Who has meetings with a twist?  
Answer on page 31

Speaking of humor, Chuck remembers the shortest Rotary program ever: a joint meeting of the only Rotary Clubs in Santa Rosa—our club and Rotary West. The guest speaker was Sally Stanford, who was the most famous resident of the North Bay during the 20th Century. After Luther Burbank and before Sparky Schulz. Back in the Roaring Twenties, she was the last grand madam of San Francisco's high-toned bordellos, one of the few of her profession who was elected mayor of a U.S. city. In 1950 she opened a Victorian restaurant in Sausalito and bought a 50 acre

ranch in Sonoma County out on highway 12 near Glen Ellen. On the big day, Rotarians, their wives, and guests overflowed the Flamingo ballroom to hear Sally Stanford. She opened by asking for questions from the floor. The first question came from a woman guest who stood up, introduced herself, and asked Sally if her husband had ever visited her establishment. Sally answered “No” and sat down after only three and a half minutes. Chuck swears that was the highlight of his Rotary presidency.

## PROGRAM

Jill Hunting was only 15 when she and her family were informed of her brother’s death in the early days of the Vietnam War. It was a moment many families had to go through in those days and each dealt with it in their own ways. But it wasn’t until years later, when that 15 year old girl had grown up into a journalist and a soon to be writer that she would finally get to know the man that was her brother Pete.

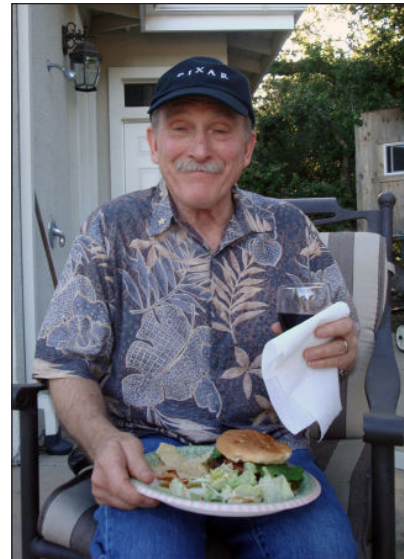
Years after Pete’s death, Jill and her family stumbled onto a series of correspondence from Pete while he was away. Through these letters Jill began to learn where he had traveled, why he had been there and whom he had spoken with. In time Jill realized she wanted to travel to Vietnam, to the same places Pete had been. In her travels she began to see more of the young man who left his country to help teach English but ended up doing construction instead. She met the small girl he had escorted to and from a local market so she could sell her goods. And she was able to speak with those who came to know this American in their country and the kindness he showed them.

Jill’s experience brought her closer to her brother. Inspired by her experiences in Vietnam and in visiting the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. she is currently working to dedicate a monument to the

civilians lost in wars, much like her brother Pete. It is to be called the “Book of Remembrance” and will consist of a closed book in the Washington National Mall. We wish you best of luck in this endeavor Jill, and thank you for sharing your story with our club.

## ROTARY SOCIAL

See what fun you missed at the lates Rotary Social?



**Robert Pierce prepares to tuck in to some great food!**



**Rich de Lambert, Joy Parker and Bob Parker enjoy their wine poolside**

***This week’s photographer:***  
**Kris Anderson**

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